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TAGS: PBOR, PORG, MILI, LE, IS
SUBJECT: SOUTH LEBANON: REPORT ON ILMAC MEETING

REF: (A) STATE 203301, (B) TEL AVIV 10254, (C) TEL AVIV 10253,
(D) USUN 3150

1. WE HAD LONG DISCUSSION WITH AIME NIGHT OF AUGUST 10 (FULLER REPORT SEPTTEL). HE WAS PRESENT AT NAQURA MEETING AND WAS PERSON WHO DRAFTED REPORT TO NEW YORK. HE REITERATED TO US HIS CONVICTION BENGAL AND EYTAN TRYING BLOCK MOVEMENT OF LEBANESE BATTALION TO SOUTH. HE SAID CHRISTIANS IN HIGHLY EXCITED STATE AND WILL UNDOUBTEDLY FIRE ON LEBANESE TROOPS WHOM THEY HAVE BEEN LED TO BELIEVE ARE TOOLS OF SYRIANS. HE DOES NOT THINK IT SAFE FOR LEBANESE UNIT TO GO TO TIBNIN UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES. NEITHER DO WE. TEL AVIV'S 10253 CONFIRMS OUR APPREHENSIONS.

2. POINT WHICH MUST BE REGISTERED IS THAT LEBANESE NO LONGER HAVE ANY CONFIDENCE WHATSOEVER IN COMMITMENTS FROM WEIZMAN. THEY FEEL THEY HAVE BEEN LED DOWN THE GARDEN PATH BY HIM AND
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US. UNLESS HE CAN BRING HIS NOMINAL SUBORDINATES INTO LINE AND CONVINCE LEBANESE HE HAS DONE SO, THERE IS NOT GOING TO BE ANY MOVE OF ANY LEBANESE FORCE TO SOUTH.

3. APPEAL BY AMIN GEMAYEL AND DANY CHAMOUN TO CHRISTIANS NOT TO OPPOSE LEBANESE UNIT (USUN 3155) MIGHT HAVE SOME EFFECT, AND IT MIGHT NOT. WE WILL HAVE TO SEE (1) IF APPEAL IS MADE

AND (2) IF IT WORKS.

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